

The Commission shall also examine the manner in which the exercise of Scrutiny of Publications touching upon the question of death or otherwise of Netaji can be undertaken by the Central Government in the circumstances.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Comments of Director-General of Mines Safety

[†]4254. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate-General of Mines Safety has commented that had the map provided by BCCL been correct, the mine accident in BCCL would not have happened; and

(b) if so, the persons responsible for carelessness in preparing the maps for mines and what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) It has been reported by Coal India that they are not aware of any such statement given by DGMS.

(b) Does not arise in view of answer at (a) above.

Mine disaster probe gathering dust

4255. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem "Probe gathers dust after it says officials sent mines to their death" in the Indian Express dated the 21st March, 2001; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

[†]Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(b) A Court of Inquiry has been constituted by the Ministry of Labour under Section 24(1) of the Mines Act, 1952 under Justice Gurusharan Sharma, Judge of the High Court of Jharkhand. Action will be taken after the report of Court of Inquiry is received.

Mine Accidents in Government Mines

†4256. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the mine accidents occur in Government mines only;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been made into its reasons; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Most of the coal mines in the country are owned by Coal India Ltd. However, accident statistics indicate that the fatality rates in Coal India Ltd., are less than the all India figure. The details are as under:

A. Fatality rate per million tonne production.

Year	All India	CIL
1997	0.54	0.43
1998	0.47	0.40
1999	0.45	0.41

B. Fatality rate per three lakh manshift.

Year	All India	CIL
1997	0.31	0.25
1998	0.29	0.24
1999	N.A.	0.25

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply at (a) above.

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